

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, amend the paragraph starting at line 6 and ending at line 25 as follows:

--Among the advantages of the present invention, one is that it is possible to make yarns having special effects, by giving them an old appearances or the like, these effects being reproducible along the whole length of the yarn; that it is possible to treat yarns of different, such as animal, vegetable and artificial or synthetic, origin; that the process requires relatively moderated times; that it is possible to alter the characteristics of the effects being given, that is, to modify the intensity and frequency of such effects along the thread development; the yarns thus treated maintain their qualitative characteristics, that is, they do not undergo damages affecting their quality or mechanical resistance; that the apparatus in question keeps its characteristics unchanged even after prolonged periods of use; that it is possible to reduce the production cost of the articles thus obtained by using yarns according to the invention, thereby avoiding or reducing the commonly performed finish or upgrading treatments.--

Page 4, amend the paragraph starting at line 21 and ending at line 30 as follows:

--Downstream of the sensor 4, the thread F is wound up around two cylinders 55, 56. In practice, the thread F winds up around the cylinder 56, runs through a length in which it is suspended between the two cylinders, then winds up around the second cylinder 55, runs through a further length over which it is suspended , to be wound again around the first cylinder 56, covering many times this path until, after having left the cylinder 56, it engages a third cylinder 57 disposed further downstream.--